Cheating by Doctors in RML Hospital

580. SHRI R. K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CBI has booked a Cardiologist of the Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital for cheating and criminal conspiracy by recommending expensive treatment to healthy patients; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. CBI has filed a First Information Report against a Cardiologist of Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, New Delhi for fraudulently and dishonest deceiving a CGHS beneficiary by preparing a false angiography report and issuing an Expense Certificate requiring the beneficiary to make a cash deposit with the Hospital.

Meningitis in Delhi

581. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of Meningitis reported by Delhi hospitals so far during this summer, since March, 2005, month-wise;

(b) the number of deaths that occurred due to this disease so far, since March, 2005, month-wise;

(c) whether an inquiry has been held as to the causes of this disease this year in Delhi; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to prevent this disease in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) The number of cases and deaths due to Meningococcemia reported in Delhi hospitals, month-wise during March—July, 2005 is at Statement (*See* below) Meningococcal disease is an epidemic prone communicable disease and it shows cyclic spurt / rise of cases every 15-20 years.